

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs" Russ Guiney, Director

December 20, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TO THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND THE COUNTY'S
RIGHT TO APPLY FOR FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS
PROPOSITION OF 1996 FOR FITNESS ZONES AT SIX COUNTY PARKS
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to assign the County's right to apply for \$150,000 of First Supervisorial District County Excess Funds, allocated to the Department by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Trust for Public Land for purchase and installation of outdoor fitness zones with bilingual informational signs at the following County parks: Avocado Heights, Bassett, City Terrace, Allen J. Martin, Saybrook, and Valleydale.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that these actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according in accordance with Sections 15303, and 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Classes 3, and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the proposed projects consist of new construction of small structures and minor alteration to land.
- 2. Adopt the attached Resolution assigning to the Trust for Public Land the County's right to apply for \$150,000 of First Supervisorial District County Excess Funds, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for purchase and installation of outdoor fitness

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zones at Avocado Heights, Bassett, City Terrace, Allen J. Martin, Saybrook, and Valleydale Parks.

3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to accept the fitness zones upon successful installation by the Trust for Public Land.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to assign the County's right to apply for \$150,000 of First Supervisorial District County Excess Funds, allocated to the Department by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District), pursuant to the 1996 Proposition (1996 Proposition), to the Trust for Public Land (TPL) for the purchase and installation of outdoor fitness zones with bilingual informational signs at the following County parks: Avocado Heights, Bassett, City Terrace, Allen J. Martin, Saybrook, and Valleydale.

The partnership between the Department and the TPL has resulted in the successful completion of fitness zones within a narrow timeframe at many County parks and a reduced cost to the County. With the award of Prop A grant funds, the TPL is able to leverage private grant funds which provide 50% or more of a project's funding. Other State and Federal grant programs favor and encourage grant applicants to form partnerships of this kind which enhance the Department's grant opportunities.

There is also a significant advantage in having the TPL complete the work, as they have established efficient work plans and have sources for the desired type of signage that the Department's sign shop is not equipped to produce.

Approval of the recommended actions will also allow the Director of the Department, or his designee, to accept the improvements made at the above mentioned parks upon completion by TPL.

In a related action on today's agenda, the District is requesting that your Board allocate \$150,000 of County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District to TPL for the outdoor fitness zone project.

<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will have no impact on the County's General Fund. Sufficient appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District's portion of the District's County Excess Funds Project Fund and the Department is assigning the County's right to apply for these funds to TPL.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Based on the project description, the Department anticipates ongoing annual costs of approximately

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\$12,000 for the maintenance of the fitness zones. The Department will work with the Chief Executive Office to confirm the appropriate level of funding and submit a New Facilities funding request for the fiscal year of project completion.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method of determining each fiscal year the amount of Excess Funds that will be available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996.

In addition, pursuant to the District's procedural guide, the governing body of the agency assigning the right to apply to another entity must adopt a resolution to authorize the assignment.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter and the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15303, and 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3, and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the proposed projects consist of new construction of small structures and minor alteration to land.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will not have an impact on any services or projects in any of the affected parks.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office and one adopted copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Respectfully submitted,

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer County Counsel Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVE ASSIGNMENT TO THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF OUTDOOR FITNESS ZONES AT SIX COUNTY PARKS

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (County), pursuant to Section 24, Subsection b of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), is the designated recipient of Excess Funds allocated for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies consistent with the purpose of the 1996 Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) is requesting \$150,000 of First Supervisorial District County Excess Funds to purchase and install outdoor fitness zones (Projects) at Avocado Heights, Bassett, City Terrace, Allen J. Martin, Saybrook, and Valleydale parks; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the County's best interest to assign its right to apply for these funds to TPL; and

WHEREAS, TPL will submit an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to obtain a grant for the Projects, to complete at the specified sites above, and provide assurances to the District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the District's procedural guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, will accept the Projects at Avocado Heights, Bassett, City Terrace, Allen J. Martin, Saybrook, and Valleydale parks upon successful installation by TPL.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby assign to the Trust for Public Land the County's right to apply for \$150,000 of First Supervisorial District County Excess Funds for the purchase and installation of outdoor fitness zones at Avocado Heights, Bassett, City Terrace, Allen J. Martin, Saybrook, and Valleydale parks.

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The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 20th day of December, 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

APPROVED AS TO FORM: ANDREA S. ORDIN County Counsel

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